



August 20, 2013

**Via ECFS**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Puerto Rico Telephone Co., Inc., Connect America Fund Phase I, Second Round, Notice of Acceptance and Additional Election, WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Puerto Rico Telephone Co., Inc. ("PRT") hereby requests a total of \$31,589,912 for Connect America Fund Phase I (round 2) incremental support for 2013 pursuant to paragraph 11 of the *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90, FCC 13-73, Report and Order (rel. May 22, 2013) (*CAF Phase I Order*). This funding will be used to upgrade telephone plant and equipment to 4/1 Mbps speeds in census blocks that currently are not served by PRT DSLAMs and therefore, we believe, have no broadband whatsoever, including the minimum 768kbps downstream/200kbps upstream speed. As such, if the FCC approves this request, PRT plans to upgrade 40,761 locations, all of which qualify for \$775 per location pursuant to the *CAF Phase I Order*.

We have attached files, which identify, by GEO ID Code including the wire center identification included in 2010 Census Block identification, and the total units, where PRT intends to deploy 4/1 Mbps broadband in satisfaction of the requirements identified in the *CAF Phase I Order*. The first page of the spreadsheet shows that PRT seeks \$11,241,421 for 14,505 locations that currently show as served on the National Broadband Map but where PRT believes there is no broadband currently provided and thus challenges the National Broadband Map findings. The second page of the spreadsheet shows that PRT seeks \$26,256,000 for 26,256 locations that PRT is seeking for census blocks that are shown as unserved on the National Broadband Map and that PRT knows are unserved by a PRT DSLAM.

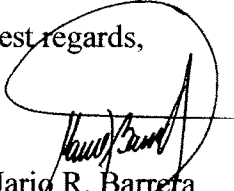
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Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.312(c)(5), the undersigned certifies that (1) these locations that will be served in satisfaction of the deployment requirements associated with these funds, identified by the wire center identification included in 2010 Census Block ID in the attached file, are, to the best of PRT's knowledge, unserved by fixed broadband at speeds greater than 768 kbps downstream and 200 kbps upstream; (2) that PRT's current capital improvement plan did not already include plans to complete broadband deployment within the next three years to the locations to be counted to satisfy the deployment requirement; (3) that this incremental support will not be used to satisfy any merger commitment or similar regulatory obligation; and (4) PRT has undertaken due diligence and determined that locations in question are not within the service area of either the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program projects that will provide last mile Internet access with speeds of at least 3 Mbps downstream and 768 upstream.

Copies of this notice are being provided to USAC and the Puerto Rico Telecommunications Regulatory Board. No tribal areas are affected by this election.

Best regards,



Mario R. Barrera  
Chief Operating Officer  
Puerto Rico Telephone Co., Inc.

